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Docket No.: ILS

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| In re Application of: |) |
| PETER ILS et al. |) |
| Serial No.: 10/010,967 |) Group Art Unit: 1722 |
| Filing Date: November 6, 2001 |) |
| For: METHOD OF MAKING PLASTIC |) |
| ARTICLES HAVING AN EMBOSSED |) |
| PATTERN, AND APPARATUS FOR |) |
| CARRYING OUT THE METHOD |) |

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to C) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP00/03702 and references D) to F) which were cited in the instant specification as filed on November 6, 2001. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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| A) | Europe | EP 0 495 219 A2 | Krauss-Maffei AG | 07-22-1992 |
| B) | Germany | DE 43 18 574 A1 | Battenfeld GmbH | 12-08-1994 |
| C) | Japan | JP 59182781 | Toppan Printing Co. | 10-17-1984 |
| D) | Germany | DE 197 32 353 A1 | Aschenbrenner et al. | 02-04-1999 |
| E) | Europe | EP 0671 251 A1 | Foboha GmbH | 09-13-1995 |
| F) | Germany | DE 195 04 332 A1 | Siewert | 08-14-1996 |

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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